

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

ITEM NO. 2

**AMESBURY AREA BOARD
8 DECEMBER 2009**

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(A) Speed Limit Review

The review of speed limits on A and B class roads is now complete and the strategy for dissemination and implementation has been agreed by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, Councillor Richard Tonge.

Detailed results and background information will be sent on a CD to all Parish and Town Councils by late December / early January and this will be followed by an eight week period for comments to be returned.

It is expected that a presentation giving an overview of the review will be made to all the Area Board during January and February 2010.

(B) Community Payback Initiative

The Wiltshire Probation Service would like to hear from you, if you have a project that you would like to be considered as part of the Community Payback initiative, where you could benefit from free labour from offenders on a community sentence. In Wiltshire, over 72,000 hours of Community Payback are completed every year by offenders on a community sentence. This equates to approximately £378,500 of free labour provided to local communities as offenders payback for the crimes they have committed.

Community Payback projects range from litter removal to clearing dense under growth, and environmental projects through repairing and redecorating community centres or removing graffiti. Offenders usually work as part of a team, monitored by a supervisor, and will work all day with short breaks, although there are some opportunities for individual placements.

To be considered your project must meet the following criteria

- It must benefit the local community
- It must not take paid work away from others
- No one must make a profit from the work
- It must be challenging and demanding
- It must be worthwhile and constructive
- Offenders must be seen to be putting something back into the community

The Community Payback team will assess the project for suitability and for health and safety implications.

Anyone can nominate a project, so, if you are an individual, member of a club, community group, faith group or voluntary organisation and have a project that fits the criteria above, please complete the form online at <http://www.wiltshireprobation.org.uk/community/index.php> or call your local Wiltshire probation office on telephone number: 01793 534259.